

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH • NEW TAITON
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**

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**Week of
January 11, 2026**

Today is the
Baptism
of the Lord.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

Sacrament of Baptism: If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for this Week:

Monday, 01/12	No Mass	
Tuesday, 01/13	7:00 a.m.	Alvin Kahanek and Henry Zapalac †
Wednesday, 01/14	7:00 a.m.	Joe & Annie Krutilek † Pete V. Martinez, Jr. †
Thursday, 01/15	7:00 a.m.	Marcella Drastata †
Friday, 01/16	7:00 a.m.	William E. & Rosie Merta †
Saturday, 01/17	4:00 p.m.	Parish Family Victor & Frances Buzek, Sr. † Jack Garner & Kenny Stinson † Lynda Kay Wishert †
Sunday, 01/18	7:00 a.m.	Hattie Drozd † Carol Koenig †
	8:30 a.m.	Angeline Bilek † Stanley Blaha † Albert & Agnes Kresta, Sr. †

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Sadie Hensley, Cooper Hensley, Savannah Hensley
Lector: Diann Srubar
Ushers: Donald Priesmeyer, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Lori Tupa, Garret Bubela
Rosary prayed before Mass.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jackson Bystrek, Carson Bystrek, Hudson Bystrek, Kade Srubar
Lector: Yvonne Marcaurele
Ushers: Rodney Dluhos, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Jon Bystrek, Sandi Bystrek
Rosary prayed before Mass.

*Our Harvest Collection
for this week
\$75.00*

**Sacrificial Offering
01/04/2026
\$3,970.00**

BULLETIN SPONSOR this week is Dorothy Naiser.

SANCTUARY LIGHT this week is in memory of Darrell Naiser.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of Robert & Connie Hlavaty for the months of January & February.

CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be in the home of Karen & Leroy Kaspar for the months of January & February. Please pray for vocations.

JANUARY ALTAR DECORATORS: Donna Merta, Mindy Merta, Paula Clark, Cassie Clark, Becky Koudela, Brenda Tompkins, Cindy Priesmeyer, Frances McKeon, Debbie Krpec and Lisa Sabrsula. Your \$25 offering is due.

JANUARY FLOWERS FOR MONSIGNOR PETRU'S GRAVE: Brian & Diane Seaman

CCD CLASSES on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available upon request only! Please call the Parish Office if you require a statement for tax reporting.

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR OUR 2026 ALTAR SOCIETY CHICKEN DINNER AND SPRING FESTIVAL are needed. If you would like to donate a prize or give towards our First Prize please call or text Lori Tupa at 979-541-9853. Proceeds from the raffle help pay our property insurance. Deadline is January 12th.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER AND SPRING FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, March 8th at the Taiton Community Center. Your **\$10.00 annual dues** and **\$20.00 fryer donation** can be paid by dropping in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

SPECIAL ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA will be taken up the week-end of January 24th & 25th.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: Someday history and the judgment of a just God will ask of our times: "Who spoke up for life?" Will you be able to say I did, Lord? Join pro-life today.

Meditation for the Week

"On this final day of the Christmas season we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us." (Pastoral Patterns)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Here is my servant.

Psalms 29 "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Acts 10:34-38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.

Matthew 3:13-17 The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

"Isaiah's words may be echoing in our heads now, as we have heard them nearly every Sunday throughout Advent and Christmas. Isaiah foresaw the Messiah, God's chosen one, who, filled with God's spirit, would open the eyes of the blind, rescue those imprisoned in darkness, and establish justice on the earth. Peter attests that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, and Matthew tells of how the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove descending from the heavens when Jesus was baptized. Filled with the Holy Spirit in baptism, let us allow the words of scripture to move us with their power." (Pastoral Patterns)